

**Section 2: Reception and Release**  
**Subject: Integrated with General Population**  
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**Sheriff Paul A. Sigsworth**

**POLICY**

The Erie County Jail shall implement policies and procedures and produce documentation that evidences compliance showing that after all inmates are afforded a reasonable opportunity to secure release on bail or recognizance, they shall be integrated with the general population and shall receive a shower and clean clothing. Inmates with soiled and/or infested clothing shall also receive a shower and clean clothing. Inmates shall not be confined in the holding area for more than twelve hours except when security, health, and/or mental health concerns are being addressed. Newly admitted inmates should be kept separate from the general population during the booking process. Placement into general population shall be a priority expect when immediate security, health, and/or mental health concerns are being addressed in the holding area.

**PROCEDURE**

All inmates who are integrate with the general population and/or whose clothing is soiled or infested shall be provided de-lousing shampoo, soap, and will be required to shower. The inmate will be issued clean uniform clothing, towel, and bedding.

1. The inmate should be allowed to shower and exchange clothing in the processing room.
2. Inmates shall be observed by an officer of the same sex while changing into clothing that is required to be worn by inmates of the Erie County Jail.
  - a. During this observation the booking officer will make note (either on Jail Incident Report and/or the Preliminary Health Evaluation Form) of any abnormalities or unusual findings (i.e. bruises, skin rashes, lesions, trauma markings) and forward such documentation to shift supervisor.
3. The booking officer will instruct the inmate as to what personal items are permitted within the jail. Those items inmates are allowed to keep include;
  - a. Eye Glasses
  - b. Dentures
  - c. Prosthesis
    - i. Any prosthesis must be removed and examined by the booking corrections officer. Should the prosthesis have any type of attachment that could be used as a weapon the shift supervisor will be notified prior to the prisoner being integrated into general population.
4. All clothing items and personal property will be inventoried and secured in a hanging locker.
5. Inmates who are not changed into jail issued clothing shall be kept separate from those who have been dressed in jail issued clothing.
6. The Shift Supervisor may elect to have the inmate's personal clothing laundered (prior to being stored) if it is soiled or infested condition presents and unsanitary condition.